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TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

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I have here tonight from the files of Radio Free Europe, in Munich, the sample Czech-language script by way of letting you know just what sort of stuff your freedom dollars are paying for, whether its a message of freedom, encouragement to those people, giving them hope for liberation from their Communist masters, or whether, in fact, it is propaganda to the end of national Communism instead of Russian Communism. The best way I know to find out is to read some of the broadcasts themselves, which none of the high-powered top side people who are so busy defending the operation seem to have done.

This particular script was on October 22, 1956, immediately after the suppression of the revolution in Poland by Gomulka with the help of the Russian tanks. It was Radio Free Europe's report to the people of Czechoslovakia on the collapse of that revolution. I have had it translated and see if this sounds to you like the message of democracy and freedom. "I wish all working people in Czechoslovakia may see on TV the reports from Polish plants. Today is Monday, that is a working day, but never have Polish workers come back to their plants in such a good mood. Their faces are gay, their eyes smiling, their moods like in a fairy tale. What is the reason for that change? What is happening these hours in Polish plants, why without any pressure from above, without Sunday agitation and broadcasting, without all these known methods the Communists use in organizing their plant gatherings, why, askwe, are today the courtyards and halls of Polish industrial plants filled spontaneously? Why in offices, schools, and schoolhouses do the people explain without any preparation, as it were on a unanimous order of their conscience, the greeting: 'Long live Gomulka?' Why from all Polish factories, greetings, telegrams, are all kinds of resolutions being dispatched to Warsaw? That Monday morning, in all factories, have gathered-- not secretaries to the party or bureaucracy with directors-- but simple workers."

That is Free Europe's report, part of it on the collapse of the Polish revolution of October 1956. The broadcaster was one Carroll Dupeka; the file number is A170A.